

UNITED STATES MINT



*The Fifth & Last in the  
Vistas of Liberty™ Series*

2002 AMERICAN EAGLE PROOF  
PLATINUM

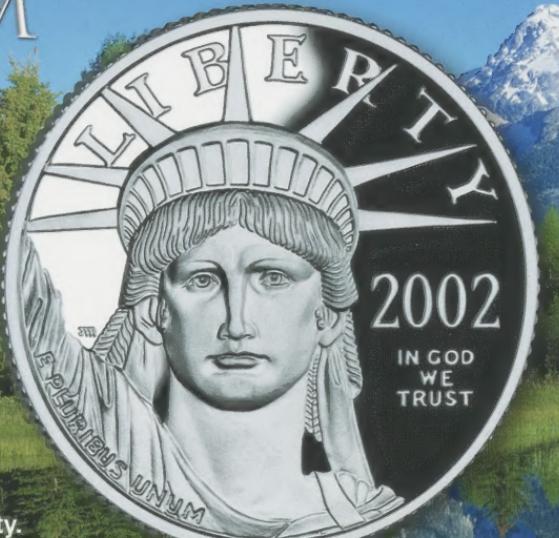


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## A RARE COIN FROM THE RAREST OF METALS

The beauty of the frosted sculpted designs that float above the gleaming mirror-like background... the gratifying weight of the coin cupped in your hand...the exquisite precision of the engraving...the rarity of Platinum and the quality of proof are combined to create a truly exceptional coin.

The expertly crafted American Eagle Platinum Proof Coins have no peer and give any collection a matchless focus to treasure for posterity. Beyond the sheer pleasure of adding these shimmering 99.95% pure platinum coins to your collection is the knowledge



Coins not shown actual size.



The mirror-like background provides a striking contrast to the proof coin's softly frosted image.

that they represent the pinnacle of numismatic craftsmanship and the last of a kind.

The cameo effect of these distinctive coins is only possible with the exacting proofing process. Specially treated blanks are hand-polished and cleaned to ensure high-quality strikes. The blanks, fed into presses fitted with specially polished dies, are struck multiple times to ensure sharp, defined relief. For example, one-ounce coins are struck nine times to achieve this clarity.

# 2002 AMERICAN EAGLE PLATINUM PROOF



Coins shown actual size to display sculpted details and minting quality.

## THE LAST VISTA THE NORTHWESTERN UNITED STATES

Since the United States Mint's *Vistas of Liberty*™ series began in 1998, each release of American Eagle Platinum Proof Coins has featured a different scene on the reverse, depicting the beauty of regional landscapes from across the nation.

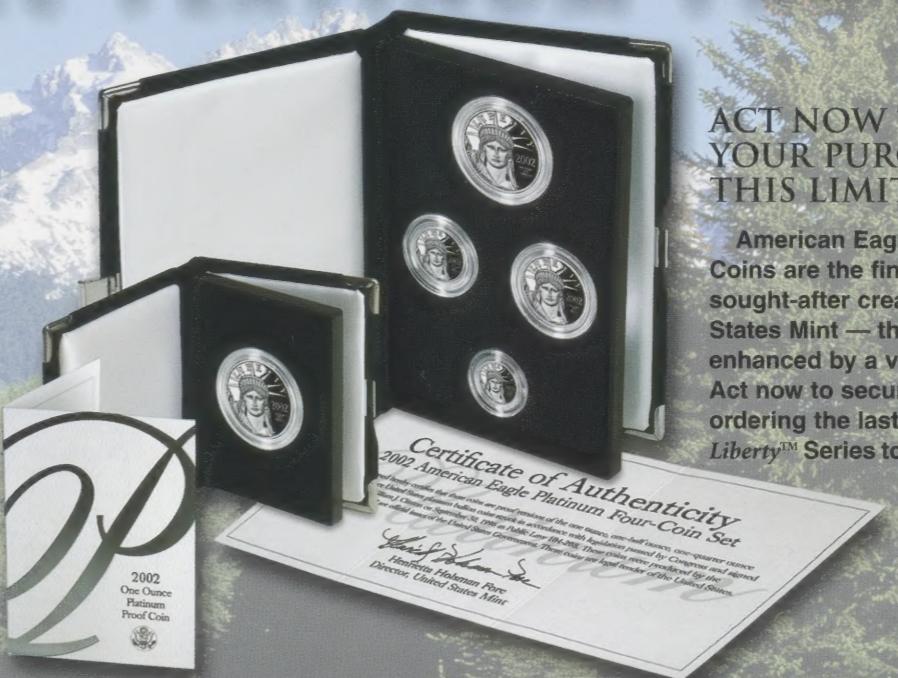
On the 2002 reverse, the last of this series, master sculptor and engraver Al Maletsky brings the American Bald Eagle to the Northwestern United States. The reverse of the coin bears a lake bordered by magnificent snowcapped mountains and trees — a landscape typical of the region. A swooping eagle and leaping trout fill the foreground of the majestic panorama.

The coin's obverse is graced by John Mercanti's striking rendition of Lady Liberty's face. Her serene, purposeful gaze evokes the spirit of freedom and hope, her face and crown seemingly lit by the torch she holds aloft — an appropriate visage for these rare and historic coins.

Retain these announcement materials and keep them with your platinum coins. They provide provenance and background to your collection.



THE VISTAS OF LIBERTY™ SERIES



ACT NOW TO SECURE  
YOUR PURCHASE FROM  
THIS LIMITED OFFER

American Eagle Platinum Proof Coins are the finest and most sought-after creations of the United States Mint — their exclusivity enhanced by a very limited mintage. Act now to secure your purchase by ordering the last coin in the *Vistas of Liberty*™ Series today.

COINS	1 OUNCE	1/2 OUNCE	1/4 OUNCE	1/10 OUNCE	4-COIN
• LEGAL TENDER DESIGNATION	\$100	\$50	\$25	\$10	
• ORDER OPTION MINTAGE	4,000	3,000	5,000	10,000	10,000
• TOTAL MINTAGE (INCLUDING SETS)	14,000	13,000	15,000	20,000	
• WEIGHT (TROY OZ.)	1.0005	0.5003	0.2501	0.10005	
• PURE PLATINUM CONTENT	99.95%	99.95%	99.95%	99.95%	
• DIAMETER (mm)	32.70	27.00	22.00	16.50	
• THICKNESS (mm)	2.43	1.80	1.37	1.00	
• MINT MARK (WEST POINT)	W	W	W	W	

All American Eagle Platinum Proof Coins — including the impressive Four-Coin Set — are presented in luxurious black velvet packaging and are accompanied by an official Certificate of Authenticity signed by the Director of the United States Mint, Henrietta Holsman Fore.



Note that the coins included in the Four-Coin Sets are part of the total mintage detailed above.

## HOW TO ORDER

Visit our web site, fill out the enclosed Order Form, or call us toll-free today. First, be sure to read the back of the Order Card for special ordering information. If you have a question about your order after it is placed, please write to Customer Care Center, United States Mint, Washington, DC 20220 or call 1-800-USA-MINT. Note that coins may be delivered in multiple shipments.

## COLLECTOR'S RECORD

CUSTOMER NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE OF ORDER: \_\_\_\_\_

METHOD OF PAYMENT: \_\_\_\_\_

AMOUNT OF ORDER: \_\_\_\_\_

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Dear Collector,

I am pleased to announce the release of the 2002 American Eagle Platinum Proof Coins and the American Eagle Platinum Proof Four-Coin Set — the last in the United States Mint's *Vistas of Liberty*™ Series. The beauty of the frosted designs floating above the mirror-like background minted from shimmering platinum, instantly shows that these coins represent the height of the minter's art. Furthermore, the low mintage, the rarity of platinum, and the quality of the proofing process combine to create coins that discerning collectors will want to make the centerpieces of their collections.

The distinction of these exquisite coins is enhanced by the knowledge that they are the last to be issued in the *Vistas of Liberty*™ Series. The series began in 1998 and every year since then, the United States Mint has changed the reverse of the American Eagle Platinum Proof Coins to show a landscape representing one of America's main geographic regions.

The 2002 reverse design by Al Maletsky features a panoramic scene typical of the Northwestern United States. A lake bordered by snow-capped mountains and evergreens makes a majestic background for a swooping American eagle and a trout leaping from the water.

The obverse bears John Mercanti's rendition of Lady Liberty's serene face seemingly lit by the torch she holds, gazing confidently forward.

American Eagle Platinum Proof Coins are the finest and most sought-after creations of the United States Mint, and their exclusivity is enhanced by a very limited mintage. I urge you to act now to secure for your collection the last coins of the *Vistas of Liberty*™ Series.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Henrietta Holsman Fore".

Henrietta Holsman Fore  
Director  
United States Mint